



Environment & Amenities Working Party

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PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE & REPLACEMENT:

Annual inspection has been scheduled April/May – exact date yet to be provided to Clerk. As a result of the playground's popularity, the play bark requires regular raking and even distribution in some areas of high use.

In anticipation of play bark levels requiring topping up in the annual inspection, BCP Environment Services have quoted £977 to supply and spread 20m3 (minimum load).

MAJORITY APPROVAL SOUGHT FOR EXPENDITURE PENDING INSPECTION REPORT

VILLAGE RECREATION GROUND:

With the end of the football season, the Clerk was asked to write to AFC Burton requesting the goal posts be relocated for secure summer storage to the side of the scout hut to permit unhindered grass cutting and field maintenance.



The perimeter requires a spring tidy-up in the form of strimming field side around base of trees and to edge of hedgerow etc our usual contractor has quoted this work at £450 . The budget for annual perimeter tidy-up allows for £1500. **MAJORITY APPROVAL SOUGHT FOR EXPENDITURE**

We are seeking advice and quotes for service repair and/or replacement the two entrance barrier gates that require attention.

The entrance on Martins Hill Lane is a mishmash of wooden fences either side of a pedestrian swing gate and a narrow vehicular access gate. This arrangement is not DDA compliant, is not wide enough for a fire engine and presents a risk of unwanted incursions. **Some residents have forced a path through the newly planted hedgerow rather than use the existing pedestrian gate.** For Martins Hill Lane barrier we already have a quote of £3620 Net to remove all existing elements including fencing and replace with a Woodstock kissing gate with mesh infill and a wider 4m galvanised barrier gate, also with mesh infill, and make good with uniform fencing either side. Updated and additional quotes being sought.



VILLAGE GREEN:

No Parking on Green sign, short post corroded and snapped off – needs replacing.

VANDALISM AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

No reported incidents

SCOUT HUT

Following the previous parish council meetings, the issue of rubbish and discarded items to the side of the scout hut has been discussed with the tenant, scout executive group, and assurances given these items would be removed. With such a fire risk and risk of damage to both tenants' huts and neighbouring private properties, the Clerk formally wrote, Landlord to Tenant, requesting the immediate removal of all items at the side of the hut and for necessary repairs to the steps be carried out. Under the terms of the lease, the tenant has two months from the date of written communication to action the points raised.

At the time of writing we are pleased to report the boat has been removed and the broken steps repaired, however, disappointed the pile of wood remains. As Landlord we are concerned the Tenant is failing to understand a pile of wood, neatly stacked or otherwise, represents an unnecessary fire load in close proximity to the premises available for ignition by outsiders. These materials need to be stored within the hut or removed from site altogether – this is basic security against deliberate fire setting by others. In addition leaving the quarter light window ajar when the building is unoccupied overnight places the premises at risk of arson by outsiders. **CLERK TO CHASE**



Despite repeated requests to supply a copy of the Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) referenced in Minutes January 2023 this remains outstanding. **CLERK TO CHASE**

Fire Risk Assessment 2019

11. Other Fire Risks

Rubbish and waste materials should be kept to a minimum and adequate arrangements should be made for the regular disposal of unwanted items. ...provision to be made ensuring no rubbish is allowed to accumulate in or around the premises.



MEMORIAL BENCHES AND TREES:

The current cost of supply and fix the chosen Broxap Lakeside Bench on a slab base is £1080 plus VAT. Plus cost of plaque

The suggested location of the D Day Memorial Bench is on the south side of Martins Hill Recreation ground (Martins Hill Lane)

Plaque inscription TBD.

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FINGERPOSTS:

Staple Cross and Preston Lane fingerposts –Contractor reported back “Both now secure with ‘hidden’ security screws... should deter local intervention and keep arms in place. Preston Lane was also cleaned /touched up as was showing considerable green and grime”

Proposed Winkton Fingerpost – Subject to confirmation and approval from BCP Council, the final fingerpost is intended to replace the existing signage at Winkton Green. **CLERK TO UPDATE**

FOOTPATHS:

For more information regarding loss of final section of Avon Valley Path please refer to previous reports.

A full report on the issue from agencies involved was promised by the end of the year 2023-24. **CLERK TO UPDATE**

BUS STOPS:

Campbell Road bus shelter was replaced with a preused shelter with seat on Wednesday, 24 April 2024. Following two aborted attempts due to cars parked in the bus stop, BCP contacted BWPC asking for help to keep the area clear. We duely posted and shared on BWPC FB profile, pages and the gossip page – usual social media vitirol, however, residents did comply and the reaction to the replacement has been very positive.





This leaves the sad and tatty shelter on Salisbury Road to be replaced. BCP inform us a suitable replacement shelter is being sourced **We will continue to chase until the job is done.**



ROAD SIGNAGE and ROAD MARKINGS:

BWPC continues to advise BCP of road markings and signage in need of refreshing and/or replacement.

FLOODING

REFERRED TO WARD COUNCILLORS – NO FURTHER UPDATE

POTENTIAL COMMUNITY GROWERS PROJECT:

NO FURTHER UPDATE AT THE TIME OF WRITING

BOCKHAMPTON LAND OCCUPATION: AKA HOLFLEET GREEN:

As reported in December, the historic landowner reclaimed and cleared the land at the end of October 2023. Landowner has informed BWPC due to proximity to highway some tree works including necessary felling was scheduled to take place 24th April 2024.

